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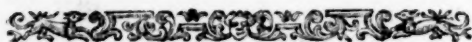


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“ Person, or the *Character* he has born even among
 “ themselves; and, which is still worse, without re-
 “ spect to *Truth or Justice, Humanity or Charity* :
 “ much less *Religion*.

“ It often happens, and indeed 'tis natural to be-
 “ lieve, that it is *generally*, if not *universally* so; that
 “ this is done to smother the *real Causes* and De-
 “ fects in the Party, from which those Persons draw
 “ off; that the *Knavery*, which could not be compli-
 “ ed with; the *Lengths*, which could not be run; and
 “ the many *secret Practices*, which were *dislik'd*, and
 “ the *Dislike* of which may have been the *real Causes*
 “ of declining the Service they were in, might be
 “ concealed.

“ Gentlemen in *high Posts* in the Government,
 “ and in the Administration of publick Affairs, may
 “ find themselves *uneasy* in their Employments, upon
 “ many Accounts; (too many to mention here) and
 “ may chuse rather to quit their Employments, than
 “ to serve in the *Manner* and with those *Uneasinesses*
 “ they suffer'd; and yet it does not follow, that they
 “ have the *least Deficiency in their LOYALTY* to
 “ their Prince; who, perhaps, is not at all the Cause
 “ of those Uneasinesses, nor any way party to them;
 “ but 'tis very hard that *Those*, who really were the
 “ Cause, and whose Measures the Persons declining
 “ chose rather to quit the *Profits and Honours* of the
 “ Service, than to comply with, should be at Liberty
 “ to saddle the Offence, given only to those Men, upon
 “ their MASTER; and reproach those Men with want
 “ of Duty, who really wanted only to be able to
 “ serve, without submitting their Judgments in Cases,
 “ which they could not think it reasonable, or for
 “ their Master's Service to comply with.

“ In a Word, 'tis a Scandal in the highest Degree
 “ unjustifiable, that when Differences may happen a-
 “ mong the Managers of publick Affairs, the Persons,
 “ who quit the Service, must always be charged with

“ *Disloyalty* and *Disaffection*; and, which is worse,
 “ with *DESIGNS*; which is the *new Calumny* raised
 “ upon the *Persons* now to be spoken of.

(Page 9) “ Before I enter into the Labyrinth of
 “ Words without Meaning, which cram’d this cla-
 “ morous Libel, it is decent to enquire one Thing of
 “ its Author, *viz.* whether it was *Forgetfulness* or a
 “ Sense of the *Impossibility* of performing it, which
 “ was the Occasion that, throughout his whole Book,
 “ he has not so much as attempted to charge *these*
 “ *Persons* with any * *Mismanagement* in the great *Em-*
 “ *ployments*, which they have born the Weight of,
 “ through the Administration of the *present* or *past*
 “ *Reign* !

(Page 15.) “ *Ministers of State* have always a Right
 “ of preserving their *own Principles*; and a Liberty
 “ of *adhering* to what, in their Judgment, they
 “ think is for the *Service* of their *Country* and the *In-*
 “ *terest* of the *Master* they serve; otherwise they were
 “ *Slaves by Office*; and while they were impowered to
 “ preserve the *Rights* and *Liberties* of their *Fellow-*
 “ *Subjects*, they were deprived of *their own*. It is
 “ no Derogation from the *Sovereign* to say, that this
 “ *Liberty* is allowed to *all* his Majesty’s Servants,
 “ tho’ they were to have the Misfortune to differ in
 “ their Judgment from that of the *Sovereign himself*;
 “ and our own Government is not without many *Ex-*
 “ *amples* recent in Memory, where This has been
 “ practised without any Offence; the Minister of
 “ State, who has the Misfortune to differ in his Judg-
 “ ment, having nothing to do, but with *Duty* and
 “ *Respect* to *resign* his Employment.

“ Much more then is this Right and Claim their
 “ just Due, when the *Person*, with whom they differ,
 “ is not only not the *Sovereign*, but even their *Fellow-*

* *Vide the Craftsman*, N^o 32. or the *Defection* consider’d.
 Page 29, 37, 41, 46, 48, &c.

“ *Servant* in the Administration; and whose Judgment, tho’ founded ever so well upon right Principles as to *Duty*, must be allowed to be *equally* subject to *Mistake*, as that of our *own*. In this Case the *Minister* differing and faithfully representing the *Reason* of his Judgment, may have, perhaps, no *Misfortune* in his Judgment, but That of being *over-ruled*; which, in *some Cases*, may be as much a Misfortune to his *Country*, as to *himself*, and *more* too.

(Page 16) “ Now whether this was the Case of the Persons, whom this *Libeller* defames; or whether it was not; yet for the Purpose let me suppose it was; many Reasons forbidding me entering here on the Specification of the Particulars. The *Libeller* is not ashamed to fight under the Protection of the *present Ministry*; as if no Man durst suppose any Thing, how much soever in his *own Defence*, which might look like a *Reflection* that Way; but he shall be driven from this Cover; for, without any *Reproach* upon, or *Offence* to the *present Ministers of State*, I shall suppose that they may differ with others; and others from them; or that any *Ministers of State* may differ in their Sentiments one from another; and yet may be all *equally* and *sincerely* attached to his *Majesty’s Interest*; and to the *Service* of their *Country*; nor is there any Design, in whatever is said here, so much as to insinuate that the *Ministers*, from whom these Persons differ’d in the Administration of publick Affairs, were not *sincerely* embarked in the *general Interest*, however they might be of a different Opinion as to the *Means*. The Business here is not to accuse any, or reflect upon any; but to defend *innocent* Persons against *unjust* Accusations and Reflections, and detect the *Malice* of them. The Question here is not to suggest that the *Ministry*, from whom these *accused Persons* are said to divide, are *Enemies* to the Interest of King GEORGE, and the Interest of their *Country*; but to

“ make appear the Malice of *Those*, who pretend that
 “ the *others* are so.

(Page 26.) “ It is evident, that there has not *one*
 “ *Vote* there (*i. e.* in *Parliament*) gone contrary to the
 “ *King's* Desires. Even That of *asking Money*, without
 “ a *Specification of the MANNER of disposing it*, tho’
 “ opposed by *many Gentlemen*, whom *these Persons* had
 “ no Influence upon, yet pass’d the House with the
 “ highest Demonstration of *Duty and Confidence* to and
 “ in his Majesty’s Prudence, and his Royal Inclinations
 “ to do nothing but what should be for the Good of
 “ all his People.

“ Why does not this *Libeller* give *one Instance*,
 “ wherein the King’s Affairs have been *distressed*; and
 “ why does he not explain what he means by these
 “ Men’s *hazarding all*? Are the King’s Affairs in a
 “ *distressed Condition*? Or, are they not in the most
 “ *flourishing Condition* that ever they were in; or that
 “ ever this Nation knew the *publick Affairs* in?

(Page 29.) “ Do these *Libellers* think that the Re-
 “ putation of *these Persons* must sink under their Ca-
 “ lumny, for the bare, single Step of *disagreeing* with
 “ the *other Statesmen*, whom they were embarked
 “ with; and not perhaps concurring with their *Me-
 thods* in Management? Must they be JACOBITES,
 “ because they do not consent to King GEORGE’s
 “ *Business their Way*? May not both be equally sin-
 “ cere in the *royal Interest*, tho’ *ugh* they cannot set
 “ *Horses together in the Forms*?

“ Why does not this *Libeller* let us know what it
 “ was that they ever did, or offered to do, that was
 “ injurious to the King’s Interest, during the whole
 “ Time of their Management? To tell us what *Mea-
 sures* they take *now*, and what *Instruments* they think
 “ fit to use *since*, is to enter upon a new Argument;
 “ in which whoever dips, must account also for the
 “ *Usage* they have received from a *scandalous, cla-
 mouring Set of Men*, as well in Pamphlets, Libels,

“ *News-*

“ News-Papers and Conversation, as *elsewhere*; which
 “ may have obliged them to act in their *own just De-*
 “ *fence*, and for the effectual clearing up their *own*
 “ *Reputation*.

(Page 30.) “ The Quotation from the *Libel* inti-
 “ mates *those Persons* getting *immense Sums* by his Ma-
 “ jesty’s Bounty. If the *Libeller* had not been
 “ known to be a Man, who never laid much Strefs
 “ upon the *Proof* of any Thing he said, or ever en-
 “ deavoured to be recommended to the World for
 “ his *Veracity*, he would perhaps have thought him-
 “ self obliged to have mentioned some of those *im-*
 “ *menfe Sums* these Persons have gained; shew’d how
 “ exorbitant they were; how unjustly gotten; and
 “ by what Methods. He would have laid open and
 “ exposed the * *Corruption* of their Administration,
 “ and the like; where have they made a *Property* of
 “ his Majesty’s Authority, or a *Prey* of his Subjects?
 “ Whose *Ox*, or whose *Ass* have they taken? Who
 “ complains of *their Exactions*; *their Extortions*;
 “ *their Delays*; or *their Injustice*?

EXTRACTS from a Pamphlet intituled, *The Defection
 detected, or Faults laid on the right Side.*

(Pag. 4.) “ To accuse *Gentlemen*, who are irre-
 “ proachable for *Loyalty* and *Conduct*, of Want of
 “ both; to arraign them for *Ingratitude* and
 “ *Treachery*; to insult them with odious *Misrepre-*
 “ *sentations*, are Actions so flagrant and offensive to
 “ good Manners, that (let the *Quality* of the Per-
 “ son so doing, or so encouraging to be done, be ne-
 “ ver so great or conspicuous) the Injustice of so cri-
 “ minal a Demeanor calls loudly for the Animadver-

* *Vide the Craftsman and Defection as directed before;*
 or a Pamphlet intituled, *An Answer to the Character and*
Conduct of R----- W-----, Esq; &c.

“ sion of such, as have any Regard for *unfollied* Reputations and *unblameable* Characters.

(Page 17.) “ When they were in *Place*, how were they not caressed and adored ! Now they are *out of Employment*, how not derided and vilified ! As if *Reason, Eloquence* and *Merit* were annexed to an *Office* ; and those Excellencies of *Precaution* and *Management*, that made them the Objects of the *Whigs* Admiration and Esteem *before*, had no longer Duration than their Abode in *COURTS*. As if to be dissatisfy’d with *some Mens* Proceedings was to act in *Disobligation* of all the *whole Party* ; and to refuse an implicit Assent to *some of their Fellow-servants* Schemes was to act in Contempt of their *Master’s*.”

EXTRACTS from a Pamphlet intitled, *The Refigners Vindicated ; Part I.*

(Page 6.) “ If the Case of the Duke of *Northumberland* can bear any Parallel, I desire him to apply his *Insolence, Covetousness* and *Ambition* in the right Place. I am sure, *He* has a less Title to it, who attempts to shine but in *one Capacity*, than *They*, who would make us believe they have a Genius for *half a Dozen different Employments*.

(Page 8.) “ —One would imagine there was something like *Magick* in *Places* and *Preferments*. A Man no sooner steps into them, but he has all the Perfections of a little *Divinity* ; and he is no sooner *out*, but the Charm is undone, and he becomes the most *disagreeable* and *infamous* of Mankind.

“ While Mr. *W——*le was at the Head of the *T——y*, the Encomiums of some Men ran so high upon his Administration, that the *Cecil’s, Godolphin’s*, and *Halifax’s* were thought little, in respect of his superior Merit. The *Whigs* were so charmed with him, that hardly any Thing was conducted

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“ ed without consulting him as an Oracle. His admirable Address in the Affairs of the House ; his masterly Eloquence and nervous Reasoning were the Subjects of all Conversation. Now these very Persons think his Oratory *calm* and *lifeless* as a certain great Man’s Prayers ; his Wit and his Argument have lost all their Force ; and even common Sense left him, the Minute he left his Places. Thus we see that *Sense* and *Integrity* are merely *topical*, and a Man must act within the Compass of a prescribed Circle, or he runs a Risque of forfeiting his *Understanding* or his *Morals*.

(Page 9) “ —How This can be called a *criminal Conspiracy*, I cannot understand ; unless all *Resignation* implies *Guilt*, in the same Manner as he makes all *Continuance in Place* to imply *Merit*. An *honest Man* may be dissatisfied. He may think it improper to act in particular Conjunctions, without incurring the Censure of any Body ; and who can doubt, but that he has good Reasons, as the World goes, when he sacrifices his *Interest* to his *Opinion* ? “ —It is *unjust* and *uncharitable* to attribute an Action of such Consequence to *Pet, Whim, Humour* and *Passion* ; and He knows little of the World, who imagines *These* carry such a Sway with Men of a *sedate Temper* ; and it shews that the Writer was put to *poor Shifts*, when he was forced to read us such *false Ethics* for a Reason.

(Page 18) “ —They must be but ill read in human Nature, who can encourage such unworthy Usage of *One*, whose *former Merit* they acknowledge ; such Liberties frequently returning, in a *double Proportion*, on the Heads of the *Revilers*. *Lipius* has a fine Observation on this Occasion. *Qui Libellos famosos in lapsam Dignitatem edunt, sibi metipsis supplicia parant ; multa quoniam necesse est esse ficta ; multa in pejus detorta ; plurima, quæ ad Rem erant, oblita. Occasio, inde Læso data est*
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“ *contumeliam fortiter repellendi ; & etiam quæ vera sunt ex filiorum Refutatione minuendi ; quid quod idem acrius Lædenti vitia intuetur, unde quaque op-
 “ *probria retorquenda colligit, & replicaturus Cautio-
 “ *nem Accusationis vi commiscet.***

In this ample, learned and rational Manner were those *honourable Resigners* vindicated from the vile Aspersions and most unjust Imputations of their Adversaries. Whether the same Arguments may not be applied in behalf of *some Gentlemen* at present (who have been loaded with the same Imputations ; *Bribery, Extortion and Corruption* excepted) let the Reader determine ; but as it might be expected that I should say something on this Head, which has been so much insisted on, I thought proper to treat it in this Manner ; for though I am sensible that such *personal Altercations* are foreign to the Merits of the Cause ; yet *Argumenta ad Hominem* have always been allow'd ; and where *Objections* are merely *personal*, a well-grounded *Recrimination* is a sufficient Answer.

I sha'l now proceed in my general Design, and not suffer myself to be diverted by any Objections, which are not more *considerable*, or have some Relation to the Subject in Debate.

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Friday,